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ANOTHER LOCAL RESTAURANT GOES SMOKEFREE

MOUNT CLEMENS Mich. – The Macomb County Tobacco Prevention Coalition has a pledge from another restaurant to go smoke-free.

The Big Boy Restaurant at 64400 Van Dyke (north of 29 Mile Road) in Washington Township is the latest establishment to offer a completely smoke-free environment for its patrons, the Coalition announced. The Coalition is led by the Macomb County Health Department.

The Washington Township Big Boy joins more than 190 other places to eat in Macomb County that have gone smoke-free. For the full list, visit www.macombtobaccoprevention.com/restaurants_macomb.htm.

Nearly 80 percent of Americans are non-smokers, and studies show that 90 percent of them request non-smoking the non-smoking restaurants when they dine out, the Coalition says. Even 25 to 30 percent of smokers prefer the non-smoking section, studies have shown.

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 8.6 million people in the U.S. suffer from smoking-related illnesses and the National Institutes of Health estimates that between 38,000 and 68,000 people die annually from second-hand smoke.

Those interested in quitting smoking can visit the Macomb County Tobacco Coalition's Web site at www.macombtobaccoprevention.com.

The Michigan Department of Community Health offers a free "quit line," 1-800-480-QUIT(7848), which provides telephone counseling to those looking for some assistance. A free Quit Kit for smokers also is available by calling 1-800-537-5666, or visit www.michigan.gov/mdch.

About Macomb County

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 825,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.

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